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Hello,

I moved into 317 Hearthstone Mews in January 1997. The rear of my house faces north with an unobstructed view of the Mirant Power Plant including the coal pile that fuels it. I am very concerned about the particulates in the air that I breath. And especially now that they are adding Trona to help their numbers. A couple of points to support the fact that we have a lot of particulates follow.

Directly behind our house is what formerly was Windows Catering. Because we overlook the roof of Windows our builder agreed to re-roof it with something more attractive. They covered it with a pristine white covering. This stayed pristine for only a short time. If you want an example of what is floating in the air from the Mirant Power plant. All you have to do is take a look at that roof. It is black and the build up of coal residue is so thick that it peels up in giant flakes of black material. This material now blows onto my patio and I am sure I am breathing it.

We have a roof top deck that faces the plant. It was replaced when our house was about three years old and it was a lovely creamy gray color. Now it is covered with black residue from the Plant. Our window sills are perpetually dirty with gray dust.

A good example. One evening in the early summer I left my sliding glass door open with the screen shut to catch the cool breeze. This door exits onto my patio from my kitchen which is tiled with white ceramic tiles on the floor. The next morning, I came into the kitchen to see a fine black dust coating the entire floor and countertops. When I wiped it with a damp sponge it smeared into a black paste! I had to vacuum up the dust.

I understand that they were here first and I am not necessarily advocating for the closure of the plant. I am MOST concerned with the health issues for the residents nearby. If Mirant is made to clean up their emissions and keep a lid on the coal dust that floats in our air then I am okay with them operating. I do not think raising the stacks is a solution. It merely makes the emissions go in a wider area. This is a very old plant and if they want to keep operating it they need to be forced bring it up to 21st century standards.

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